Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #50

Volunteering as lockdown eases & Bucks food partnership

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On Tuesday 23rd June the Government announced new measures to ease lockdown in England; coming into effect from 4th July, the measures will allow many organisations to resume activities and services which had been suspended due to the pandemic.

To help you prepare, our Lead for Volunteering, Hazel Finney has published a blog, Volunteering in the 'New Normal', which outlines the areas that you need to consider when involving volunteers in your operations coming out of lockdown.

For lots of other resources on re-opening your services, check out our webpage Running your organisation during Covid-19, and in particular service delivery guidance.

FOOD PARTNERSHIP FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The food system underpins many aspects of our society and the COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of resilience in the food system.

The food and farming charity Sustain, with support from the Rothschild Foundation, is leading **a scoping exercise to see if there is demand for more joined-up work to support food and farming in Buckinghamshire**. This could lead to the creation of a local food partnership building on the connections between food, health, community, social equity, the environment and economic prosperity to deliver a sustainable food system fit for the future.

You can get involved in the discussion by:

- Complete the Bucks Food Partnership survey
- Take part in the online Buckinghamshire food stakeholder discussion group on 1st July at 2-3pm, or 2nd July at 6-7pm 3. To book a place or for information, email Sustain Web.

CHARITY IT SECURITY WEBINAR

The Clare Foundation will be running a Middle Leader Forum on Charity IT Security on 1st July at 1pm to help organisations think about their IT and security needs. Since lockdown, many organisations have gone completely digital in their fundraising and client engagement programmes which could raise a number of IT security concerns.

The session, which will be run by Cloudy Group's David Hall and McAfee's Senior Software Security Architect Dave Oxley, is suitable for anyone in who may encounter issues that impact digital security as well as IT personnel.

For more information and to book your free place, visit Middle Leader Forum - Charity IT Security.

VOLUNTEERING RESEARCH E-CONFERENCE

This year's Voluntary Sector and Volunteering Research Conference, *'Times Like These': Researching civil society responses to and recovery from COVID-19*, will run on 7 and 8 September 2020 as a free two-day e-conference.

Following a modified format, the e-conference will focus on discussing current research and big ideas on civil society responses to and implications of COVID-19. For more information on the e-conference and to book your free place, visit Voluntary Sector Studies Network.

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